

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated February 13, 2006. More specifically, in that Office Action, claims 7 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gouldson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. RE 36,873) hereinafter “Gouldson.” Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gouldson.

In this Amendment and Response, claims 7 and 8 have been amended. No claims have been added. Continued examination and reconsideration of the above rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and these remarks.

Claim Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the cross brace structure previously recited in claim 7, which the Examiner indicated was allowable if written in independent form. Applicants believe that newly amended claim 7 is allowable over the cited reference. Moreover, because claims 8-11 depend upon claim 7 Applicants believe that they are also allowable.

In light of these amendments, the rejections are believed to be moot and are not addressed herein in detail.

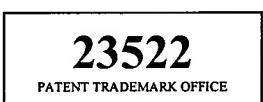
Conclusion

It is believed that no fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

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